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Note by the secretariat

1. In its decision 2000/221, the Economic and Social Council endorsed the proposal of the Commission on Human Rights (resolution 2000/82) to authorize the open-ended working group on structural adjustment programmes and economic, social and cultural rights to meet for two weeks well in advance of, and at least four weeks prior to, the fifty-seventh session of the Commission with the mandate (a) to continue working on the elaboration of basic policy guidelines on structural adjustment programmes and economic, social and cultural rights which could serve as a basis for a continued dialogue between human rights bodies and the international financial institutions and (b) to report to the Commission at its fifty-seventh session.

2. At its 18th post-sessional meeting, held on 16 February 2001, the Bureau of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Human Rights, cognizant of numerous consultations held, shared the view of all the regional groups that the session of the working group should be postponed.

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